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REMARKS

In this Response, Applicants amend Claims 18 and 20, and cancel Claims 16, and 23. Claims 1-13, 15, and 17-22 remain in the Application. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Notwithstanding that this is a Final Office Action, the amendments to Claims 18 and 20 merely incorporate cancelled subject matter and correct typographical errors, respectively. Thus, no new matter is added and no new issue is raised. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

I. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 or §103

A. Claims 18-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,493,577 issued to Choquette et al. ("Choquette").

Applicants amend Claim 18 to incorporate all of the limitations of allowable Claim 23.

In regard to Claims 19-22, these claims depend from Claim 18 and incorporate the limitations thereof. Thus, at least for the reasons mentioned above in regard to Claim 18, Choquette does not teach or suggest each of the elements of these claims.

Claim 20 is amended to correct typographical errors. The chemical compositions recited in Claim 20 can be found on page 7, line 16 of the specifications.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 18-22 are respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-13 and 15-17 are allowed.

Claim 16 is cancelled because Claim 16 is the same as Claim 15.

Claim 23 is objected to for depending on a rejected base claim. Claim 23 is cancelled and all of its limitations are incorporated into base Claim 18. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to Claim 23 is requested.

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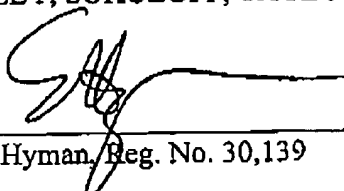
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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